



Grace Notes

September 13, 2020

Web Edition

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Work; Our Hands Sunday

Join us the Adult Sunday School this Sunday at 10:45am, when our guest speaker will be Kim Gollings. Kim is the Community Development Director for Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. Learn more about the needs and challenges of affordable housing in our community. Our congregation, along with other churches has been involved with a Habitat build this summer. Like everything else in 2020, this build is being done a little differently. Our congregation, with your help, has supplied monetary assistance for this house and meals for workers at this build site. Join us Sunday on the Zoom link to find out more.



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Meals on Wheels

Volunteers Needed

The last opportunity to help deliver Meals on Wheels this year will be Sept. 28 through Oct. 2. If you are available from 10:30 AM till 12 PM any day during this week to deliver hot meals to area residents, please contact Julie Johnson. We need a driver and a runner (actually walker is more accurate) for each day. Family Service is most appreciative of your volunteer help.

Lutheran World Relief

For many years, our church has annually sent school and health kits to Lutheran World Relief. This fall, we will be sending 60 school supply kits and over 75 masks to Lutheran World Relief. Your monetary donations helped us to purchase supplies for the school kits and many of you contributed cloth masks, which we will be sending in lieu of health kits. The explosion last month at the port in Beirut, Lebanon damaged three containers carrying supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Our donations this year will be needed and appreciated even more. Thank you for your help. The Social Ministry Committee

Habitat Build



Great News! We have so far raised \$1,500 of our \$2,000 commitment to the Habitat/ Thrivent Faith Build. Over the past several months we have come to know even more the importance of our homes. Many of us are blessed to be safe and secure in our houses.

As we are blessed, so may we bless others! Please consider helping us reach our goal by sending your check to church with "Habitat Build" in the memo line or giving online.

Treasurer's Report August 31, 2020

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenues	\$18,175.00	\$205,302.42
Expenses	\$32,749.72	\$253,043.38
Net	-\$14,574.72	-\$47,740.96

Faith Circle

Plan to join Faith Circle on Tuesday evening, September 15, beginning at 7:00PM. Kathy Bowersox is scheduled to be the lesson leader for this session. We will use the Bible study presented in the September issue of "Gather for Faith and Action," the magazine of the Women of the ELCA, which is available at: gather@elca.org or at gathermagazine.org (phone orders at 844-409-0576) September's lesson introduces a three-session study focusing on "holy time." We look first at "holy memory," at how the Bible encourages God's people to remember God's story and our own story. We will look at the role of "remembering" in our worship and in our lives.

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Questions? Contact Caitlyn at gracelife@glccu.org.

Directory Update

We are hoping to update the church directory soon. If you have dropped your landline, changed your email or street address, or have any additions or deletions of names, please let the office know so we can have an accurate directory. If you are a youth and have an email address, please let the office know that also so it can be included.

Readers for Sunday Service

We continue to need recorded readings. Email Carolyn Pater if you are willing to serve in this way.

About GraceNotes and the Newsletter

GraceNotes is our weekly publication for timely announcements to the congregation. Please send all announcements for GraceNotes to Lyla at office@glccu.org by Wednesday evening. Items for the monthly newsletter should be sent to Caitlyn at gracelife@glccu.org by the 20th of the previous month.

Bread for the World: Offering of Letters 2020

Nations around the world, including the United States, have agreed to work for an end to hunger by 2030, and there is growing recognition among faith leaders, NGOs, and business leaders that this is achievable. The spread of Covid-19 across the globe has created an even greater need, as the number of vulnerable people both here in the US and around the world is growing.

Here at Grace, we can continue to be part of the solution. Through this 2020 **Offering of Letters**, we can urge members of Congress to invest in and protect key programs that will help end hunger and reduce poverty in the United States and around the world. With the simple act of writing a letter, we can act as faithful advocates in defending the interests of people who are hungry and use our voices to encourage our elected representatives to take the necessary steps to end hunger.

If you are interested in participating in this campaign, please go to the Grace web site (glccu.org) and look under the "service" menu for a sample letter, names and addresses of our representatives and senators, and a link to Bread for the World. If you have questions or want to know more, please contact Helen Repp. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this important project.

The Social Ministry Committee

Virtual Green Team Summit

Faith In Place is sponsoring a Green-Team Summit from September 13-17. It will address ways our climate crisis is connected to racial injustice and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The keynote panel will kick off the Summit, Sunday, September 13th at 4:00pm CST and explore the Summit's theme, "A Just Recovery". [Register for free today](#) to join any part of the Summit! Even if you can't join for the live event, [register today](#) for access to the recording. For more information visit <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/>

Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour continues this Sunday by Zoom, starting at 8:45. Your host, Claire Vail, will cut you off promptly at 9:25 to give you time to get ready for the service. (Bring your own coffee.)

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Grace Food Pantry Sunday Food Pantry Update

You may have seen on our calendar that we have slotted the second Sunday of each month to be “Grace Food Pantry Sunday.” We include this to encourage financial support for this ministry once a month. Food Pantry does not operate out of the General Fund, which is the destination for Sunday morning offerings unless otherwise designated. Because of this, Food Pantry depends on special designation for donations from those in the congregation that wish to support this ministry. Financial contributions are a great way to support Food Pantry, because every \$1 that is given can have the purchase power of much as \$10 at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. Please consider making an extra donation to the Pantry at this time!



Daily Bread Yoga Announcements & Online Resources

All Together Now –

Daily Practice Guide is available for YOU!

Rachel is offering 30 minute online, ZOOM classes, Monday through Friday. If you go to the store of her website you will see a "product" for ZOOM Classes. In that product are the links to the classes. You do NOT have to purchase that to get the links. She set it up just as a way for people who are able and want to support me in offering these classes. You can absolutely join the class without paying. She is not taking attendance and you do not have to ask her permission to participate or share with others. Here is the link to that page -- <https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/zoom-classes-all-together-now/>

She also has two free AUDIO ONLY classes in the store. Here are the links for those.

1. A 45+ minute floor based gentle class.

<https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/wind-down-yoga-class/>

2. A 10+ minute chair based class.

<https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/5chambanas-audio-download/>

Live-streamed & Recorded Services

Our Sunday morning Service of the Word begins at 9:30. The link to follow the service is found at the top of the Grace home page (glccu.org) or click here, <https://glccu.org/live-stream-videos/>

Help With Zoom

We're using the Zoom (zoom.us) online meeting platform for meetings and classes at Grace during this time of social-distancing. If you need help getting Zoom set up and joining and participating, here are two helpful tutorials.

The first is for using Zoom on your computer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

The second is for using Zoom on a phone.

This should also work for tablets:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO206_NezaY

This Week at Grace: September 13, 2020 – September 20, 2020

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, September 13, 2020		
<i>Grace Food Pantry Sunday</i>		
Coffee Hour	8:45AM	Online (Zoom)
Worship - LIVE STREAM (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Online
Adult Sunday School	10:45AM	Zoom
Christian Education Committee	11:45	Online
Taizé Prayer	5:00PM	Online
Monday, September 14, 2020		
Food for Seniors	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 15, 2020		
Faith Circle	7:00 AM	Zoom
Wednesday, September, 2020		
Food Pantry Truck Delivery	7:00AM	
Bulletin Deadline	5:00PM	
Thursday, September 10, 2020		
Food Pantry	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
Sunday, September 13, 2020		
<i>Newsletter Copy Deadline</i>		
Coffee Hour	8:45AM	Online (Zoom)
Worship - LIVE STREAM (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Online (Sanctuary)